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Navy Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS)

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The Legal Mandate

- The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates:
 - Early Intervention Services
 - Special Education & Related Services
- IDEA is an educational statute
 - Dept. of Education administers IDEA & distributes Federal funds to the 50 states and territories
 - Dept. of Defense administers & funds IDEA services within the DoD
- IDEA affords parents & children with disabilities
 - Procedural safeguards
 - Due process entitlement



Legislative History of IDEA

- PL 94-142, “**Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975,**” requires a free appropriate public education for school age children with disabilities to include special education & certain related services.
- &PL 95-561, “**Defense Dependents’ Education Act of 1978,**” required DoD to implement PL 94-142.
- PL 99-457, “**Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986,**” expanded
Part H, the Handicapped Infants & Toddlers Program.



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Legislative History of IDEA (continued)

- PL 101-476, “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990,” amended & renamed PL 94-142.
- PL 102-119, “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1991,” required DoD to implement Part B preschool services & Part H early intervention services.
- PL 107-17, “The IDEA Improvement Act of 1997,” reauthorized IDEA & amended several provisions of the existing legislation.
- PL 108-446, “Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004,” reauthorized IDEA & amended or changed several provisions of the existing legislation.

IDEA Implementation

IDEA Legislation



DoD Guidance

DODINST 1342.12, 11 Apr 05 & ICOP



BUMED Guidance

BUMEDINST 1755.1, 17 Oct 05

BUMEDINST 1755.2, 5 Oct 05

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Department of Defense Educational Activity (DODEA)**
 - Responsible for Special Education
 - Defense Domestic Elementary & Secondary Schools (DDESS) at domestic locations
 - Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) at overseas locations
- **Military Medical Departments (Army/Navy/AF)**
 - Responsible for EIS and certain related services overseas in assigned areas of geographic responsibility

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EDIS - A New Paradigm

- “Educational” services provided by the Military Medical Departments
- Services provided at the same priority as healthcare for active duty - statutory entitlement
- Focus is on functional independence & academic development
- Interdisciplinary / transdisciplinary approach for EIS

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EDIS - A New Paradigm

(continued)

- **Services normally provided outside clinical setting**
- **Families are an integral part of the process**
- **Procedural requirements & due process entitlement**
- **Proactive - child find & public awareness requirements**

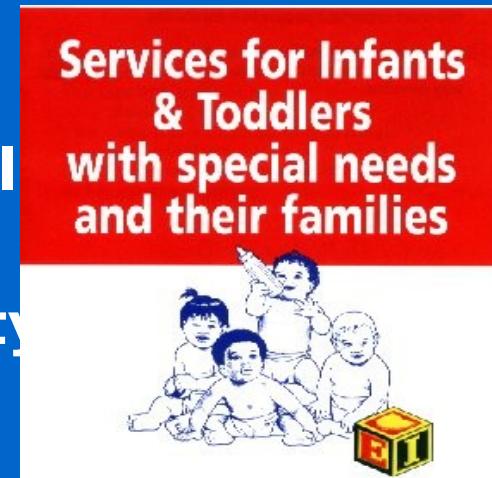
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Early Intervention Services (EIS)

- **Focused on the developmental needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities, birth to age 3, & their families**
- **Address physical, cognitive, communication, social or emotional & adaptive developmental delays or conditions with a high probability of delay**
- **Specified in an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) developed by the EDIS team & the family**



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Early Intervention Services (EIS) (continued)

- Provided in “natural environments” - settings that are natural and normal for the child’s a same age peers who have no disability, e.g., home, daycare or community-based settings
- EIS programs are comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, culturally competent, community based & family centered
- Entitlement based on eligibility to enroll in DDESS or DODDS & meeting DoD developmental delay eligibility criteria
- EIS programs are located both CONUS & OCONUS and managed by the Military Medical Departments

- ***Related Services Assigned to the Military Medical Departments Overseas***

- Allied health services in support of the special education needs of **preschool & school age children with disabilities**, ages 3-21, to include:
 - Evaluation services required to determine a student's eligibility for special education
 - If eligible, the direct or indirect services designed to help a student benefit from their special educational program

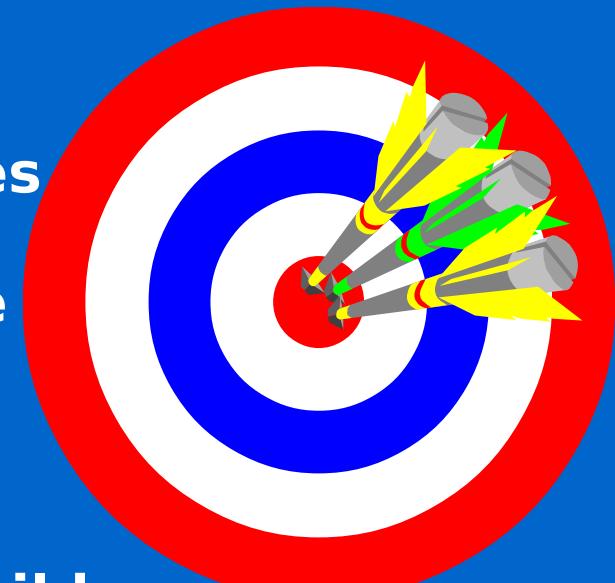


- ***Related Services Assigned to the Military Medical Departments (continued)***

- Specified in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) developed by the school's Case Study Committee (CSC)
- Provided in the “least restrictive environment” - school setting
- Entitlement based on eligibility to enroll in DODDS & meeting DODDS special education eligibility criteria
- Provided overseas in support of DODDS special education programs

EDIS Goals & Objectives

- Improve the functional & adaptive skills of infants & toddlers with developmental delays
- Maximize the learning potential of school-age children with disabilities
- Empower families to become active participants in their child's development & education
- Enhance the independence of all children with disabilities to enable them to function with their non-disabled peers



Navy EDIS Profile . . .

- 12 Navy MTFs with EDIS responsibility supporting 21 locations
- EDIS locations span 17 time zones
- 139 manpower authorizations
 - 31 military billets
 - 69 civilian positions
 - 39 contract personnel
- Decentralized
 - local MTF program management
 - local MTF control of resources



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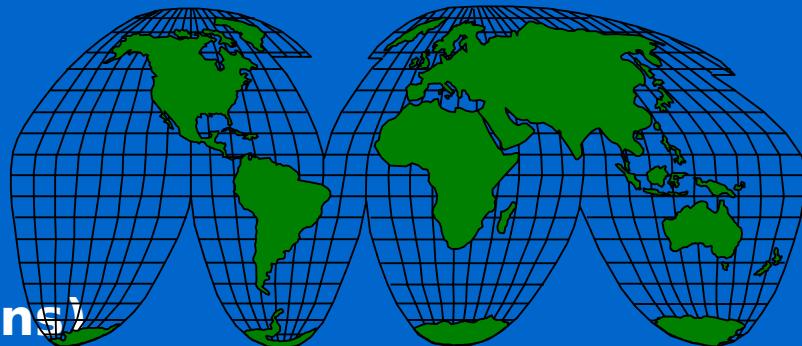
Navy EDIS Sites - DDESS/Domestic

- **Dahlgren & Quantico, VA (Navy & USMC)**
 - support provided by NNMC Bethesda EDIS Team
- **Camp Lejeune, NC (USMC)**
- **Beaufort, SC (USMC)**
- **Guam (Navy & AF)**



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Navy EDIS Sites - DODDS/Overseas



PACIFIC REGION

- **Mainland Japan** (6 locations)
 - **Yokosuka** (Navy), **Atsugi/Camp Zama** (Navy/Army), **Yokota** (AF), **Misawa** (Navy/AF), **Iwakuni** (USMC) & **Sasebo** (Navy)
- **Okinawa, Japan** (AF, Marines, Navy, Army)

CARIBBEAN REGION

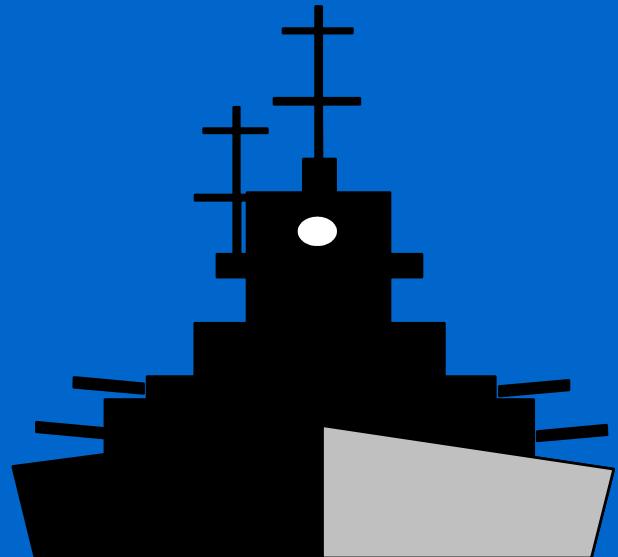
- **Guantanamo Bay, Cuba** (Navy, USMC, USCG)
 - support provided by NMC Portsmouth, VA EDIS Team

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Navy EDIS Sites - DODDS/Overseas

EUROPEAN REGION

- **Naples, Italy** (3 locations)
 - Naples, Gaeta & Sardinia (Navy)
- **Sigonella, Italy** (Navy)
- **Rota, Spain** (2 locations)
 - Rota (Navy) & Seville (AF)
- **Keflavik, Iceland** (Navy, AF)
 - support provided by NMC Portsmouth, VA EDIS Team



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Intercomponent Coordination

- **DoD Coordinating Committee on Early Intervention, Special Education and Related Services**
 - co-chaired by ASD (FMP) & ASD (HA)
 - approves policy & direction
- **DoD Subcommittee on Intercomponent Coordination (SICC)**
 - SICC membership includes functional representatives from DOD, DODEA, Military Medical Departments & TMA
 - meets quarterly (last meeting 5-6 Oct 05)

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EDIS Dynamics & Issues

- Increased demand vs. decreased resources
- GS recruitment & contracting
- New approaches to monitoring
 - Focused monitoring
- Realignment of resources & services
- Base closures & Force realignment
- Geo-political uncertainties



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Navy EDIS Program

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Amusing Anecdotes?

